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Visit Your New West Portal!



The new West Portal Facility for the McKenzie Pass-Santiam Pass and West Cascades National Scenic Byways at the McKenzie Ranger District is now open to the public. The front office reception area is redesigned in the Cascadian Style of architecture.

The westbound traffic turn lane into the facility greatly improves highway access safety and implements one-way traffic flow into and out of the Ranger Station.

Portal completion is another phase of byway planning for the

McKenzie Pass – Santiam Pass and West Cascades National Scenic Byways. The project is funded with partnership monies and support from the Western Federal Lands Highway Division of the Federal Highway Administration, the National Scenic Byway Grants Program, Oregon Department of Transportation, and the Forest Service.

A grand opening is being planned for May. For more information, contact Stacey Smith at the McKenzie Ranger District, (541) 822-3381.





The portal at the McKenzie Ranger District office includes a 2,031-square foot visitor reception area with restrooms, expanded visitor parking, and additional administrative office space. Photo on bottom right shows a terrain model of the Central Oregon Cascades and of the scenic byways that this portal serves.

When you approach the portal, you will notice the impressive native timber columns and stout wood beams, a visual theme that continues into the building.



Floor tiles are decorated with various flora and fauna of the area.



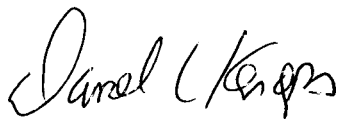
For Your Information:

This “Spring 2001” edition of the Forest Focus, the Willamette National Forest’s Schedule of Proposed Activities (SOPA), will update you, the owners and stakeholders of this forest, on our planning efforts for future projects. Our planning focuses on activities that protect, conserve, restore and enhance the valuable and valued resources of this forest. Through this quarterly publication, we invite your participation in the important work that goes on across the Willamette. By sharing your interest and your ideas, you become an important contributor to our mission of “Caring for the Land and Serving People.”

HIGHLIGHTS: Opening of the West Portal Facility, McKenzie Pass – Santiam Pass and West Cascades National Scenic Byways at McKenzie Ranger District and Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (aka “Payments to States Act”).

If you have questions about this publication or wish to be added to our mailing list, contact Neal Forrester at 541-465-6521. The Forest Focus can also be found on our website at www.fs.fed.us/r6/willamette.

On behalf of the Forest Leadership Team and the dedicated employees of the Willamette National Forest,

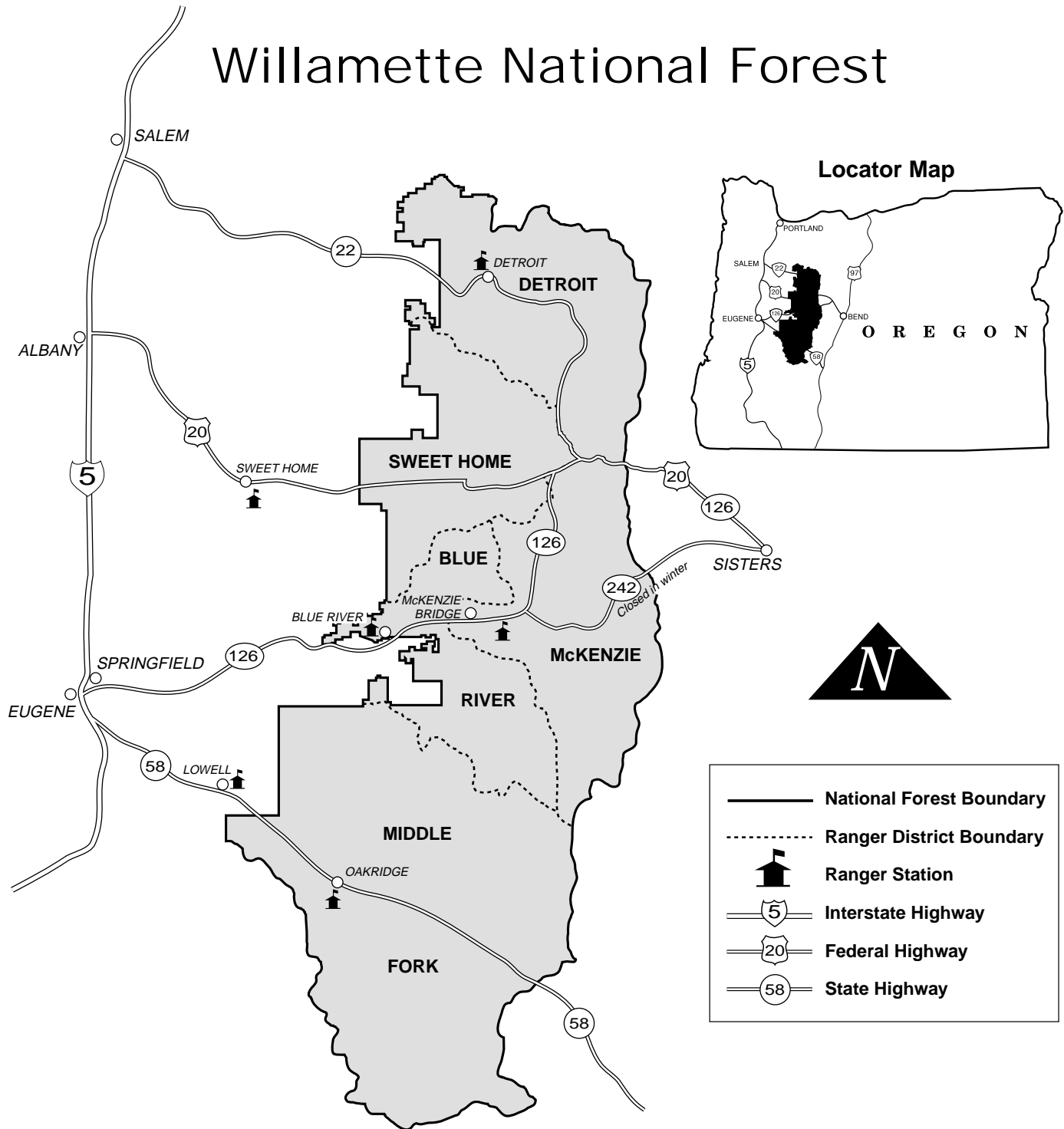


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For Your Information

NATION-WIDE

Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act

Counties, watershed councils, stakeholders, permittees, and others will soon be submitting project proposals for grants under the “Secure Rural Schools and Communities Self-Determination Act of 2000” or the “Payment to States Act” as it is more commonly called. The Act strengthens the connection of communities to the land and water that sustains them. It responds to the reduction in timber harvest over the last 10 years and its parallel reduction of timber receipts to states and counties. The Act will provide the rural counties an increased and predictable level of funding for local schools and roads by adding approximately \$1.1 billion above current payments over the next five years under three titles.

“Title I” projects, i.e., schools and roads, will be funded with 80-85% of the payments. Counties choose whether to dedicate the remaining 15-20% of the funds for “Title II” or “Title III” projects or return this amount back to the General Treasury. Title II funds projects that benefit resources on Federal lands, and are reviewed and approved by a Resource Advisory Committee (RAC). Title III funds projects that are community oriented, such as environmental education, search and rescue, community forestry, community service work, easement purchases, and fire prevention and county planning, and includes 45 days of public comment, and RAC notification—not approval. For those interested in submitting a project, contact your local County Commissioner’s office, Forest Service or BLM office. More information about this program is available on the Willamette Forest website at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/willamette>.

Contact: Donna Short, Sweet Home RD (541-367-5168, dshort@fs.fed.us)

FOREST-WIDE

Land Feature Name Change

In response to requests from members of local tribes to pursue several land feature name changes, Forest staff continue to collaborate with representatives of the Grand Ronde, Klamath, Siletz and Warm Springs tribes of Oregon to develop proposals for alternative names for three features on the Forest that currently have the name “Squaw.” Some members of these tribes are descendants of native inhabitants of the areas so named. This term is racially derogatory and offensive to many people. Meetings, field trips and consultation with tribal representatives are on-going. Public input is welcome as well. We anticipate submitting the proposal for the name changes to the Oregon Board of Geographic Names (OBGN) in June. If approved, implementation of the name changes may be a year or more away as the OBGN, in turn, refers the proposal to the U.S. Board of Geographic Names, which holds the authority for final approval.

Contact: Roseanne Lestenkof or Catherine Lindberg, Supervisor’s Office



FROM THE RANGER DISTRICTS

Vandalism on Federal Lands

If you witness any acts of vandalism, destruction, or unauthorized gathering of forest products, please contact the nearest Ranger District or the Willamette National Forest in Eugene (541) 465-6865.

For Your Information

FROM THE RANGER DISTRICTS (cont.)

Release of Names

The Office of General Council in the Department of Agriculture determined that the names and addresses of persons who respond to solicitations for comments for Forest Service projects are subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and subject to public review. Comments received in response to the actions in this publication, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on the proposed action and will be available for public inspection. Comments received anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who submit anonymous comments will not have standing to appeal the subsequent decision under 36 CFR Part 215.

Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how FOIA permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under FOIA, confidentiality may be granted only in very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requester of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality, and where the request is denied, the agency will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without name and address within 15 days.

Owl Creek Special Habitat Area Plan

McKenzie RD, T16S,R5,S.24.

An Implementation Guide for the Owl Creek Special Habitat Area is being developed. This project is in the Horse Creek Watershed.

Completion: Fall 2001

Contact: Lisa Lyon

Peregrine Falcon Management Plan

Detroit RD, Breitenbush Watershed.

Develop a Peregrine Falcon Management Plan for Breitenbush watershed.

Completion: Winter 2002

Contact: Daryl Whitmore

Quartzville Watershed Analysis

Sweet Home RD, T10S,R4&5E; T11S,R4E; T11S,R5E; T12S,R4&5E.

This is a joint project between Salem BLM and Forest Service.

Completion: FY 2001

Contact: Doug Shank



A typical trail shelter.

Elk Camp Shelter Rehabilitation

August 10-12, 2001

Located along the Alpine trail in the western Cascades Mountains and set in an old-growth grove of Douglas-fir, the Elk Camp Shelter is an Adirondack-style trail shelter. Constructed in 1930 by Forest Service personnel, the shelter was built for administrative support on what was then the Cascade National Forest. Volunteers will help replace cedar roof shakes and the pole framework to gain an understanding of how early trail shelters were constructed. The project also involves making replacement shakes for the shelter walls by hand using traditional tools (froe and ax). Opportunities for swimming, fishing, hiking, and mountain biking are within minutes of the project location.

If you would like to volunteer for this project, please contact Carol Winkler, Middle Fork District, 541-782-5218.

Current Projects

SOPA Quarters

Fall Quarter: October 1 to December 31

Winter Quarter: January 1 to March 31

Spring Quarter: April 1 to June 30

Summer Quarter: July 1 to September 30

Timing of Decisions

The projected decision dates in the following sections are best estimates based on predicted funding, weather conditions, project priorities, and overall scheduling of work. Although it is difficult to predict how and when these various factors will change project schedules, we will try to reflect these changes as accurately as possible as we update the Forest Focus each quarter.

BLUE RIVER

ROAD USE

Hardy Access and Travel Management

Blue River RD, T17S,R5E,S.6,7,18,19,29-33;
T18S,R5E,S.4-10,15-22,27-30.

The District will assess the road system in conjunction with timber sale planning within the Hardy analysis area. We are currently gathering input on public use of the area. This analysis will consider balancing current funding levels available for road maintenance with needs for administrative and public access, and to provide alternative strategies to address road and trail management within this area.

Status: Analysis Ongoing

Decision: Summer 2002

Implementation: Fall 2003

Contact: Rick Ley

Access and Travel Management—Blue River

Blue River RD, T16S,R4E,S.25,26,27,28.

Access and travel management planning in the Minor Thin project area is underway. Projects under consideration include closing roads to minimize big game harassment and minimize the spread of noxious weeds.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Fall 2001

Implementation: 2002

Contact: Rick Ley

ERFO Road Repairs

Blue River RD, District-wide.

Repair and/or realign approximately 20 short segments of damaged roads caused by the 1999 flood events throughout the District. Accomplishment will be by contract and/or force account crews.

Status: Scoping and Analysis

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Rick Ley, Kenny Gabriel, or Lowell Nelson

Current Projects

ROAD USE (cont.)

North Blue River Access and Travel Management Planning

Blue River RD, T14&15S,R5E AMA.

The District is planning the transportation needs within the Blue River Adaptive Management Area (AMA) in Cook and Quentin Creek subdrainage. Possible treatments could include reconstruction, re-alignment, storage and decommissioning of existing roads within the planning area. The objective of the planning effort is to provide an effective and safe transportation system for the public and Forest Service while improving the conditions of the watershed and wildlife habitat.

Status: Analysis Ongoing

Decision: Fall 2001

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Rick Ley

SILVICULTURE

Pruning 2001

Blue River RD, District-wide.

Conifer tree pruning would occur on approximately 200 acres of young conifer stands. Riparian Reserves will not be pruned. The pruning operation would involve pruning conifer branches from 70 to 110 trees per acre to heights of 17.5 feet and 26.0 feet. Selectively prune crop trees to improve timber quality and reduce the risk of infection from blister rust in western white pine by removing the lower branches sooner than they would naturally fall off, and produce higher quality lumber allowing clear wood to form sooner. Pruning also increases fire resistance by removing "fuel ladders." Light beneath the tree canopy that enhances grass and forage production for wildlife habitat will be increased through the pruning process.

Status: Analysis Ongoing

Decision: July 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Tim Kee

Aerial Fertilization 2001

Blue River RD, District-wide.

Helicopter application of nitrogen fertilizer for timber stand improvement on approximately 600 acres of managed stands.

Status: Scoping

Decision: July 2001

Implementation: October 2001

Contact: Tim Kee

Precommercial Thin 2001

Blue River RD, District-wide.

Precommercially thin (PCT) approximately 1,100 acres by selectively cutting excess trees leaving a variety of healthy hardwood and conifer species. PCT will enhance the growth potential of hardwoods and conifers and accelerate the development of multilayered stands with large trees and diverse plant communities. Hardwoods will not be thinned within 10 feet of stream channels.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: June 2001

Implementation: June 2001

Contact: Tim Kee

SPECIAL USES

Destination Wilderness/Adventure River Center

Blue River RD, T18S,R4E, S.23.

Applicant requests an outfitter-guide permit to provide guided rock climbing at Flagstone Climbing Area, an established non-wilderness rock climbing area.

Status: Analysis Ongoing

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Gene Flint

Current Projects

TIMBER SALES

Minor Thin

Blue River RD, T16S,R4E,S.26,27,28,33,34,35.
This project analyzes all acres that are ready to be commercially thinned in the McKenzie Minor Tributaries Watershed. Two action alternatives have been developed. Alternative #2 proposes to thin approximately 380 acres. Alternative #3 proposes to thin 180 acres. Road management will be reviewed and approximately five miles of road will be closed.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Fall 2001

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Teiva White

Hardy Timber Sale

Blue River RD, T17S,R5E,S.6,7,18,19,29-33;
T18S,R5E,S.4-10,15-22,27-30.

The Hardy Timber Sale Project area has been expanded to include Cougar sixth field subdrainage with the Hardy sixth field subdrainage. Approximately 1,500 acres will be reviewed for potential thinning and final harvest within the Hardy and Cougar subdrainages. Road construction may be needed to access these proposed harvest areas. An Access and Travel Management (ATM) plan will be completed as part of this project.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Spring 2003

Contact: Teiva White

Wolfmann Projects

Blue River RD, Blue River Watershed, AMA.
The "Bear Thin" and "Mann Regen" timber sales have been analyzed and documented in a draft Environmental Impact Statement called "Wolfmann Projects." Timber harvest includes approximately 800 acres of commercial thinning and approximately 240 acres of regeneration harvest. The proposed harvest follows the Blue River Landscape and Monitoring Strategy. There

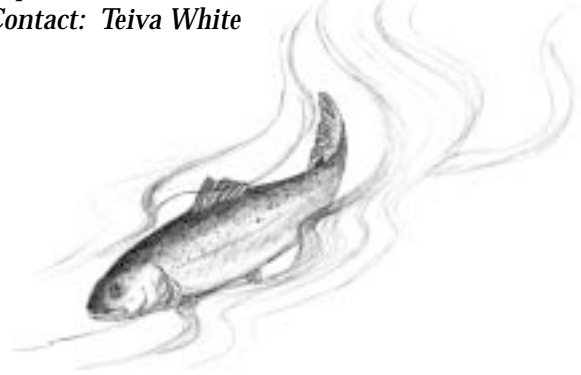
is also a proposal for prescribed fire on approximately 180 acres.

Status: Public comment period for DEIS ended May 3, 1999

Decision: September 2001

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Teiva White



WATERSHED AND FISHERIES

Blue River Watershed Fish Passage

Blue River RD, T14&15S,R4&5E, AMA.

Three culverts in the Blue River Watershed are currently barriers to upstream passage of rainbow and cutthroat trout. This project proposes to change the stream crossings in order to provide passage. The three streams are Ore Creek (T15S, R4E, Sec 25), Mann Creek (T15S, R5E, Sec 36), and an un-named tributary of Blue River near Mann Creek (T14S, R5E, Sec 35). Analysis is being done concurrently with the access and Travel Management Blue—River project.

Status: Analysis

Decision: Fall 2001

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Ray Rivera

Coffee Creek Culvert Upgrade

Blue River RD, T17S,R4E,S.16.

Project involves culvert replacement to accommodate a 100-year flood flow in Coffee Creek, which is a tributary of Quartz Creek.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Fall 2001

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Ramon Rivera

Current Projects

WILDLIFE

Browse Cutback 2001

Blue River RD, District-wide.

The project proposes to cut back preferable browse vegetation on approximately 55 acres to enhance big game forage conditions. Stands are selected based on habitat quality values.

Status: Analysis Ongoing

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Penny Harris

Forage Seeding 2001

Blue River RD, District-wide.

The project proposes to hand seed 20 acres with native grass and legumes to enhance big game forage conditions. Stands are selected based on habitat quality values.

Status: Analysis Ongoing

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Penny Harris

Early Stand Diversity Thinning 2001

Blue River RD, T18S,R4E S.10,15,14,22,23;
T17S,R6E S16&21.

Early Stand Diversity Thinning proposes to reduce stocking and create diversity on 150 acres of 15- to 25-year-old stands in the Horse Creek and Fall Creek Late-Successional Reserves. The purpose of this project is to accelerate the development of future late-successional habitat conditions that consist of large conifer trees with large crown ratios, stand differentiation, and increased structural complexity. Leave tree selection will be based on the healthiest hardwoods and conifers. Excess trees will be cut using variable spacing and diversity enhancing techniques such as small gaps, clumps, open grown trees, and clusters of open grown trees. True-fir boughs or trees that have been cut may be removed and sold after the thinning to reduce implementation cost.

Status: Analysis Ongoing

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Penny Harris

Cavity Creation 2001

Blue River RD, T15S,R6ES6.

This project proposes to enhance tree structure and habitat for primary and secondary cavity nesting wildlife species in uniform mature stands that lack diversity. Approximately 13 trees will be cut and inoculated with stem decay for cavity starts, bat roosts, log dens, and hollows.

Status: Analysis Ongoing

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Penny Harris or Ruby Seitz



The pileated woodpecker is a primary cavity-nesting species.

Current Projects

WILDLIFE (cont.)

Wildlife Tree Release in Riparian Reserves 2001

Blue River RD, T18S,R6E,S.32.

Wildlife Tree Release proposes to create 47 open grown trees in three previously thinned 20- to 26-year-old conifer stands by releasing the trees to a 30 foot radius around the leave tree. The open grown trees will be created within riparian reserves at least 50 feet from streams. Creating open grown trees in the riparian reserves of a unique wildlife habitat area will accelerate the development of larger conifer trees with large crown ratios, stand differentiation, and increased structural complexity to increase bird and mammal populations.

Status: Analysis Ongoing

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Penny Harris

Elk Thin Project

Blue River RD, T18S,R5E,S.25-26; T18S,R51/2E,S28-33.

Commercial thin in a Special Wildlife Habitat Area. Thin approximately 100 acres of 40-year-old stands to provide forage and accelerate the development of optimal thermal habitat for big game and late-successional forest species. Enhance deer and elk forage by native grass seeding, fertilization, browse cutback in plantations, and salt and mineral block placement. Enhance overall habitat values for species using snags and down woody material by inoculating, girdling, and falling trees, as well as other tree enhancement work. Control noxious weeds, eradicate roads, and create slash piles. Located in French Pete Inventoried Roadless Area. Only existing roads would be used.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: Spring 2002

Contact: Ruby Seitz

DETROIT

FACILITIES

Detroit RD Office Replacement

Detroit RD, T10S,R5E,S.3.

The proposed project would construct a new office building on the existing administrative site located on State Highway 22, one mile west of the town of Detroit. Presently, district office functions are carried out in a combination of three separate permanent buildings and attached modular structures. The permanent structures are nearly 50 years old. The structures have been remodeled many times yet several features do not meet current standards and demands. These include wiring, insulation, heating plants, roofs, plumbing, and accessibility. Design features, age and condition of the structures result in high operation and maintenance costs and preclude any feasible reconstruction alternatives to meet standards and needs. This proposal would construct a single building with space for all office functions.

Status: Analysis completed

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Stephanie Phillips

RECREATION

Crag-South Breitenbush Connector Trail

Detroit RD, T9S,R7E,S.36.

In 1998 a new parking area was constructed to jointly serve South Breitenbush Trail 3375 and Crag Trail 3364. This proposal would construct approximately 1/4 mile of connecting trail from the parking area to each of these trails. Trail construction would require brushing, limbing, pruning, and removal of some saplings for clearance and establishment of standard trail tread, drainage structures, and some turnpike tread.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Abe Quihuis

Current Projects

RECREATION (cont.)

Woodpecker Trailhead Parking Improvement

Detroit RD, T10S,R7E,S.8.

The proposed project would construct a formal parking/turnaround area for large vehicles and vehicles with trailers at Woodpecker Trail #3442. Presently, there is inadequate room for parking and turning around such vehicles. Parking is haphazard in the ditch line and on adjacent vegetation resulting in resource damage. This project would develop a formal parking and turnaround area approximately 40'X50' in size, 200 feet from the start of the trail. The proposed site is within an existing harvested unit and would not require removal of any mature timber. Improvement work would include leveling and rocking a parking/turnaround area, installation of stock rails and signing.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Abe Quihuis

Hunt's Cove Trail Relocation/Reconstruction

Detroit RD, T10S,R8E,S.7,17,18.

The proposed project will reconstruct approximately two miles of trail within Mt. Jefferson Wilderness between Hunt's Cove and the Pacific Crest Trail near Cathedral Rocks. The project will include reconstruction of existing trail and installing drainage and slope stabilization structures (turnpikes, puncheon, etc.) along with some trail relocation.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Abe Quihuis



Blowout Suspension Bridge Repairs

Detroit RD, T10S, R5E, S.27.

Emergency repairs were made to the Blowout Suspension Bridge on the Blowout Arm Trail #3426 during the summer of 2000. Many items of deferred maintenance remain to be completed in order to preserve the bridge for continued use by the public. This proposed project will fully inspect the bridge and post it for maximum loading, replace and/or protectively coat many of the smaller structural components of the bridge, remove and dispose of loose lead-based paint from the towers in a manner that complies with all federal and state laws governing such cleanup, repaint the towers with lead-free paint, and construct small retaining walls at the bridge approaches to keep soil away from the steel towers and wooden decking of the bridge.

Status: Scoping, Analysis ongoing

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Rod Stewart

ROADS

ERFO Site Repair

Detroit RD, areas are scattered throughout Detroit RD.

Repair roads damaged by flooding. Work may include replacing damaged culverts, replacing lost road fill, realigning roads, resurfacing roads with aggregate or asphalt, and possibly constructing retaining walls. Sites will be repaired by force account crew or by contracting.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: Spring 2002, pending funding

Contact: Karen Ladd

Road Decommissioning/Obliteration for FY 2001

Detroit RD, Various Locations within Whitewater and Breitenbush Watersheds. Approximately 12 miles of dead end roads that

Current Projects

ROADS (cont.)

have low to no use are proposed to be decommissioned or obliterated and revegetated for the purpose of watershed restoration.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: FY 2001

Contact: Dave Klug

ning will also include bole pruning of all western white pine trees. The purpose of the project is to promote vigorous tree growth and maintain forest health. Treatment is planned on approximately 2,500 acres.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Vic Baumann or Dave Leach

SILVICULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Sugar Pine

Detroit RD, T8S,R6E,S.34; T9S, R6E, S.2,3,9,10,11, 12,13,14,15,16.

The purpose of this project is to improve the survival and regeneration of selected sugar pine and restore the natural fire return interval. The sugar pine trees are currently threatened by heavy fuel loading and bark beetle attack caused by competition for moisture and nutrients from adjacent trees. This project would remove identified trees using a combination of commercial shelterwood and thinning treatments, primarily removing smaller trees and understory. Following tree removal, fuel treatments, including underburning, will be used to restore the treatment area to a more historical condition characterized by a short fire return interval. Approximately 250 acres would be treated in which about 160 sugar pine trees have been identified for protection. This project is located in East Humbug and Fox Creek drainages.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Dave Leach

Tree Pruning

Detroit RD, District-wide.

This project would prune about 100 trees per acre to a height of 9 to 18 feet, depending on stand height, on approximately 500 acres. Priority will be given to pruning Douglas-fir and all western white pine. Purpose of the project is to improve timber quality and promote forest health.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Spring 2001

Contact: Vic Baumann or Dave Leach

Aerial Fertilization

Detroit RD, primarily within the North Santiam drainage.

The proposal is for the aerial application of urea prill fertilizer (46-0-0) on approximately 1,800 acres of managed stands from 3 to 70 years of age for the purpose of timber stand improvement.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Mark Stewart or Dave Leach

Precommercial Thinning and Tree Pruning

Detroit RD, District-wide.

This project would establish a prescribed tree density of approximately 300 trees per acre by removing excess trees up to 5 inches in diameter. The biggest and best trees of all species will be retained. Areas treated for precommercial thin-

SPECIAL FOREST PRODUCTS

Special Forest Product Sales FY 2001

Detroit RD, areas are scattered throughout Detroit RD.

The purpose of these projects is to make special forest products available to the public and promote improved forest health and timber quality. The proposal includes the harvest of boughs and

Current Projects

SPECIAL FOREST PRODUCTS (cont.)

Christmas trees from 1,000 acres of 10-40 year old managed stands. Other products growing on the site are species of plants and trees that will resprout after harvest including bear grass, salal, sword fern, manzanita, scotch broom, huckleberry, madrone, chinquapin, willow, alder, maple, rhododendron, ceanothus, and vine maple. Harvest would be by hand methods with materials hand carried to existing roads.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Vic Baumann or Dave Leach

TIMBER SALES

Shore Nuf Timber Sale

Detroit RD, T10S,R5E; T10S,R6E; T11S,R5E, several sections.

The purposes of Shore Nuf timber sale include: Reducing stocking levels to lessen competition, improve growth and health of the residual stand, accelerating attainment of late successional conditions and enhanced habitat diversity in riparian reserves, thinning small diameter suppressed trees to minimize fuel buildup, enhancing scenic quality along travel corridors and reducing visual effects of past regeneration harvest on private and public lands. Actions proposed within the project include: Thinning second growth stands while maintaining 50 to 70 per cent canopy closure, thinning selected portions of riparian reserves, treating pockets of Phellinus weirii and other root rots, creating screened views of Detroit Reservoir along travel corridors by the use of variable density thinning, constructing approximately 1.8 miles of temporary roads, reconstructing approximately 5.7 miles of existing roads, the construction, reconstruction or modification of landings for various harvest systems, treating created slash and reforesting root rot pockets with non-susceptible species. An EIS will be prepared for this project. A Notice of Intent was published in the Federal Register Vol. 65 #18, on September 15, 2000.

Status: Analysis Documentation

Decision: Fall 2001

Implementation: Winter 2002

Contact: Jim Romero or Rod Stewart

WATERSHED AND FISHERIES

French Creek Large Wood Placement Project

Detroit RD, T9S,R5E;S.21,26,27,28,35.

The proposal is to place large woody material (LWM) along approximately 3 miles of French Creek. LWM will improve the quality of aquatic habitat for resident trout and potential anadromous fish. Logs would be skidded and trucked from the reservoir to drop points along French Creek Road 2223. A walking backhoe would move and place them instream. Proposal would stockpile logs in 2001, and place logs in streams in 2002.

Status: Initial Scoping

Decision: Spring, 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: David Klug or Wayne Somes

Opal Creek Wilderness Road Decommissioning

Detroit RD, T8S,R4E;S.24,26&32;T9S,R5E;S.17.

The purpose of his project is to close or remove 8 miles of existing road in the newly designated Opal Creek Wilderness in order to protect wilderness values and comply with the Wilderness Act. Roads that are being considered include: Roads 2207-130, 157, 159, 160, 165, 167, 169, Road 2209-301, and several non-system access roads.

Status: Scoping, Analysis ongoing

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: FY 2001

Contact: Karen Ladd or Dani Rosetti

Devils Creek Fish Habitat Structure Maintenance

Detroit RD, Breitenbush Watershed, T9S, R7E, S.20.

Repair five flood-damaged structures in the 1992 Devils Creek Fish Habitat Improvement Project

Current Projects

WATERSHED AND FISHERIES (cont.)

adjacent to Devils Creek summer homes. The objectives are to stabilize and protect eroding stream banks by placing rock with a walking backhoe/excavator to restore quality fish habitat.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: David Klug

East Hum Unit #5 Slide & Stream Restoration

Detroit RD, T9S,R6E,S.2.

The purpose of this project is to stabilize slide activities within the East Hum Timber Sale Unit #5, (harvested in 1995). Stabilization projects include installing drainage structures, adding large woody material, and terracing of slopes and stream banks. Straw mulch and erosion-mix seed will be applied and a diversity of tree species will be planted to all bare soil areas in the unit and on the stream banks of the perennial stream inside the unit.

Status: Scoping, Analysis ongoing

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Spring 2001

Contact: Dave Klug



Winching logs in Blowout Creek for stream restoration.

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AIR QUALITY

Three Sisters IMPROVE Air Quality Monitoring Station

McKenzie RD, T14S,R6E,S.36.

Proposal involves removal of approximately 35 trees that are currently obstructing air monitoring station operations.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Dave Kretzing

BOTANY

Bunchgrass Meadow Restoration

McKenzie RD, T15S,R7E,S.10.

This 60-acre project would remove mostly understory and midstory trees that have invaded the once-open areas and altered the high, dry meadow environment.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Nancy Wilson

LANDS & MINERALS

Sections 13 and 14 Land Encroachments

**McKenzie RD,
T16S,R5E,S.13&14.**

Recent adjustments of land lines in these sections have resulted in apparent property encroachments onto National Forest Lands. Land-owners have been notified. Some situations may qualify for Small Tracts Act which could result in the sale of

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small parcels to the adjacent landowners involved.

Status: Investigation, notification and scoping

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Pat Hutchins

Reconstruction of West Horse Creek Bridge at Delta Road

McKenzie RD, AMA, T16S,R5E,S.16.

Lane County and local residents propose to rebuild the West Horse Creek Bridge at Delta Road. The historical bridge is on National Forest land under Lane County supervision. Project has received funding through matching Federal Highway funds. The District will prepare an environmental assessment to evaluate the effects of the County's pending proposal.

Status: Awaiting County Proposal

Decision: Fall 2001

Implementation: Spring 2002

Contact: Al Brown

RECREATION

Fish Lake Planning Project

McKenzie RD, T13S,R6E,S.29,30,31,32.

Environmental analysis began this spring to evaluate alternatives for a development plan for the enhancement and management of the Fish Lake administrative and recreation sites, including the historic Fish Lake Remount Depot. Proposed developments may include a scenic byway interpretive wayside, and enhancement, relocation and/or rehabilitation of existing developed campground, dispersed camping area, and McKenzie River National Recreation Trail Trailhead. A Special Interest Area Implementation Guide, as required in the 1990 Land and Resource Management Plan, will also be completed for the Fish Lake Special Interest Area as part of this planning effort.

Status: Analysis in process

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: 2002 through 2003

Contact: Stacey Smith

SPECIAL USES

Replacement of Buried Electric Cable

McKenzie RD, T16S,R6E,S.13,14,23,24.

Proposal to replace existing buried electric cable along a portion of State Highway 242.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Pat Hutchins

Special Use Permits

McKenzie RD, District-wide.

The District periodically issues permits for miscellaneous special uses such as weddings, filming and photography, noncommercial group use, and special events.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: As needed, when requests are made

Implementation: FY 2001

Contact: Kathy Keable

TIMBER SALES

Spot Salvage

McKenzie RD, Various locations.

This project would salvage primarily standing dead trees adjacent to state and federal highways and primary district roads. This District-wide project is estimated to produce 200 mbf of timber.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Rita Mustatia

TwoBee Landscape Management Project

McKenzie RD, AMA T13S,R6&7E; T14S,R6&7E; T15S,R6&7E.

Proposed actions for this landscape management project include timber harvest of approximately 1,000 acres with commercial thinning, selective partial harvest and regeneration harvest; road decommissioning; stream restoration; wildlife habitat improvements; recreation improvements;

Current Projects

TIMBER SALES (cont.)

and introduction of fire for habitat improvement and natural fuels reduction. A Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for this project appeared in the Federal Register on June 29, 1999. The DEIS is scheduled for release in Fall 2001.

Status: Scoping

Decision: January 2002

Implementation: FY 2002

Contact: Al Brown or Cheryl Friesen

MIDDLE FORK

OUTFITTER GUIDE

McGillicuddy's Outpost

Middle Fork RD

A Special Use Permit was requested by Miles Stumbaugh for mountain bike Outfitter/Guide services on various trails and roads across the District. This is the second year of operation.

Status: Ongoing

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Katherine Freer Wilderness Therapy Expeditions

Middle Fork RD and Bend/Crescent RD (Deschutes National Forest).

This multi-forest permit is being prepared and monitored by the Middle Fork RD. The area covers the Waldo Lake Basin on the Middle Fork District and extends from Highway 58 north to Charlton Lake, and east from Charlton Lake to Highway 46 on the Bend/Crescent RD on the Deschutes NF. Request is for a five year Special Use Permit for at-risk youth camping.

Status: Ongoing

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Oregon Adventures

Middle Fork and McKenzie RDs

Rand Dreiling requested an Outfitting and Guiding Special Use Permit for mountain biking and day hiking utilizing various trails and Forest Service roads. This is third year of operations.

Status: Ongoing

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Spring/Summer 2001.

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Family Outback Fly Fishing School

Middle Fork RD, T22S,R6E,S.29&30;T20S,R5E, S.17.

Jerry von Schimmermann is requesting a Special Use permit for day guiding fly fishing instructions utilizing Gold Lake and Blair Lake.

Status: Ongoing

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: June 2001.

Contact: Sandra Melinder

RECREATION

Willamette Pass Snow-making Pond Site, Snow-Play Expansion, and Gondola over Highway, and Update to Master Plan

Middle Fork RD, T22S,R6E, ,S.32,33;T23S,R6E, S.5.

This project proposes an expansion of the existing snow-play site by approximately two acres, along with the creation of a two acre water storage pond for existing snow making-operations and installation of a gondola to transport site users from the parking lot on the south side of Highway 58 to the lodge on the north side of the highway.

Additionally, the Master Plan for the site is being updated with the proposed action to complete development specified in the Willamette Pass Alpine Winter Sports Site Final Environmental Impact Statement. This action could result in the installation of two additional ski lifts. Ski runs associated with the new lifts may remove significant amounts of trees from up to 100 acres of land. All actions are within the

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RECREATION (cont.)

current Ski Area Boundary. Removed trees not needed for National Forest improvements would be sold.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Winter 2002

Implementation: Summer/Fall 2002

Contact: Jim Williams

Waldo Basin Implementation Plan

Middle Fork RD

In 1998, the district began a user-group consensus process to develop strategies around seven longstanding resource issues connected with recreation use at Waldo Lake. The seven issues include Charlton Tie Road development, lakeside site impacts, recreation emphasis/setting for the lake surface, boat motor use, outfitter/guide permit levels, non-native fish populations, and snowmobile access off roadways. In 1999, a set of recommendations was presented to the forest by the user group subcommittee of the Willamette PAC. Five of the seven issue recommendations received consensus support of subcommittee members present at the time they were crafted. The other two issue recommendations received majority support. In 2000, the district carried these recommendations through the general public planning process. Public meetings were held in Eugene and Oakridge that summer to kick-off public scooping and introduce preliminary alternatives.

To review the EA and other information on this project, go to the forest website at www.fs.fed.us/r6/Willamette. To have your name placed on the project mailing list, please contact the Middle Fork Ranger District.

Status: EA released for Comments

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Jim Williams (Middle Fork) or Brian McGinley (Sweet Home)

Waldo Lake Campgrounds Gray Water Disposal

Middle Fork RD, T21S,R6E,S.9&16; T22S,R6E,S.6.
Analyzing alternatives for disposing gray water from the three developed campgrounds.

Status: Documentation

Decision: Fall 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Jim Williams



South view of Waldo Lake.

Trail Reconstruction - South Willamette/Lawler Trail

Middle Fork RD, T20S,R2E,S.19,29,30.

Reconstruction of South Willamette/Lawler Trail.

Status: Analysis in progress

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Sue Baker

Trail Reconstruction Cloverpatch-Tire Mountain Tie

Middle Fork RD, T20S,R2E,S.15,22.

Reconstruction of trail connecting Cloverpatch and Tire Mountain Trails.

Status: Documentation in progress

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Sue Baker

Current Projects

RECREATION (cont.)

Waldo Road Sno-Park

Middle Fork RD, T22S,R5,1/2E,S.35.

Develop an alternate sno-park to replace the current facility at the Waldo Lake junction. Construct a toilet facility and snow play area adjacent to the new sno-park.

Status: Analysis in progress

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: Funding dependent

Contact: Jim Williams

Trail Reconstruction - Fall Creek Trail

Middle Fork RD, T18S,R3E,S.22,23,24; T18S,R4E, S.18,19.

Reconstruction of approximately five miles of the Fall Creek National Recreation Trail.

Status: Documentation

Decision: Fall 2001

Implementation: Spring 2002

Contact: Sue Baker



A footbridge on the Fall Creek National Recreation Trail.

Trail Reconstruction - Huggin' Tree Trail

Middle Fork RD, T18S,R3E,S.22,27.

Reconstruction of a portion of the old trail from Fall Creek to Gold Point.

Status: Analysis in progress

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Sue Baker

ROAD USE

Diamond Drive

Middle Fork RD, T24S,R5E, S.21;T25S,R5E, S.13.

The proposed project will upgrade 13.3 miles of Road 2154 to a double-lane paved standard from Road 21 to Umpqua Road 6000770. The project will widen the existing road to a double lane. Major work items will include clearing, excavation, culvert placement, aggregate placement, and paving.

Status: Beginning scoping

Decision: October 2001

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Keith Wheeler

Flood Related Wildlife Habitat Improvement Road Repair

Middle Fork RD, District-wide.

Repair of roads damaged from past flood events. Currently these roads are the source of sediment into Class II fish bearing streams and Class III permanently flowing streams. These repairs will eliminate sources of sediment, improve fish passage, re-establish stream channels, and open previously closed roads for public access.

Status: Scoping/Analysis

Decision: May 2001

Implementation: Spring 2001

Contact: Mike Williams

Puma Fire Project

Middle Fork RD, T18S,R2E, S.25,26,36.

Rehabilitate the Puma Fire area to provide for user safety along Road #1800 and #1825 and adjacent to the Puma Campground and dispersed recreation sites. The proposal will likely include falling of hazard trees, removal of tree boles for use in other restoration projects, fuel hazard reduction activities, revegetation activities, repair of Puma Campground and dispersed recreation sites, and maintenance of roads #1800 and #1825.

Status: Scoping

Decision: July 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Rick Scott

Current Projects

ROAD USE (cont.)

Access and Travel Management Plan (ATM) Middle Fork District

Middle Fork RD

The Middle Fork Access and Travel Management Plan is being developed by subwatershed (nine subwatersheds on the Middle Fork District). The Fall Creek/Little Fall Creek ATM EA was completed in the Spring of 1999 and the project is currently in consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). The other eight subwatersheds will be analyzed based on the Fall Creek/Little Fall Creek ATM. Currently, the District is working on the Middle Fork ATM. The analysis order and dates for the other subwatersheds have not yet been established.

Fall Creek/Little Fall Creek ATM

Status: Documentation complete

Decision: June 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Bill Pack, D'Lynn Williams

Road Use

Middle Fork RD, T21S,R3E, S.15.

The Moons are requesting a 5-year private road special use permit to access their property.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: Upon signing of Decision.

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Road Use Permit

Middle Fork RD, T21S,R2E, S.13.

Betty Lou D. Martin is requesting use of National Forest land to access her property. Access to her property from Highway 58 is unsafe due to the high volume of traffic and no safe turn-off space.

Status: Analysis

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Spring 2001

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Road Use Permit

Middle Fork RD, T22S,R5E, S.21,27.

Brian Neal is requesting utilization of National Forest land to access his property via two roads. His property is completely surrounded by National Forest land.

Status: Ongoing analysis

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Road Use Permit

Middle Fork RD, T18S,R2E,S.26.

Cedric L. Hayden is requesting use of National Forest land to access his property for timber haul. There will be no new ground disturbance as the road is in place (permit issued in 1991). This permit would be for five years.

Status: Documentation Complete

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Sandra Melinder

SILVICULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Stand Density Management

Middle Fork RD, District-wide.

Stand density management of young stands (age range 10 to 20 years) is proposed at various locations throughout the District. Specific locations can be obtained by requesting maps from the Middle Fork office. The units proposed for treatment may occur in Late-Successional Reserves or riparian reserves when density management benefits their objectives. Proposed treatment acreage will range between 2,500 to 3,500 acres. Amount of acres treated within a given year will be based upon available funding.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Mike Jenson or Ginny Tennis

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SILVICULTURAL ACTIVITIES (cont.)

Pruning

Middle Fork RD, District-wide.

Pruning of young stands (age range from 15 to 50 years) is proposed at various locations throughout the district. Specific locations can be obtained by requesting maps from the Middle Fork office. The units proposed for treatment are in Matrix lands and not in Late-Successional Reserves or riparian reserves. Approximately 1,500 acres are proposed for treatment. Amount of acres treated within a given year will be based upon available funding.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Mike Jenson or Ginny Tennis

Cone Survey and Collection

Middle Fork RD, District-wide.

Propose cone survey and collection within .5 miles of pre-identified select tree locations throughout the district. Select tree locations can be obtained by requesting maps from the Middle Fork office. Bushels of cones collected will be based upon yearly cone production and seed needs.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Mike Jenson or Ginny Tennis

Fertilization

Middle Fork RD, District-wide.

Fertilization of young stands is proposed at various locations throughout the district. Specific locations can be obtained by requesting maps from the Middle Fork office. The units proposed for treatment are not in Late-Successional Reserves. Approximately 7,836 acres are proposed for treatment. Amount of acres treated within a given year will be based upon available funding.

Status: Analysis

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Mike Jenson or Ginny Tennis

SPECIAL FOREST PRODUCTS

Bough Sales

Middle Fork RD, District-wide.

Harvest boughs from approximately 308 acres of 10- to 30-year-old stands. Boughs would be removed from outer half of branch on the lower half of the tree.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Dennis Beckner

Beargrass Harvest

Middle Fork RD, District-wide.

Harvest of 25,000 pounds of beargrass leaves. Only 30% of the above-ground vegetation would be harvested.

Status: Analysis

Decision: Fall 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Dennis Beckner

SPECIAL USES

Silviculture

Middle Fork RD

Daniels & Associates are requesting a one year Special Use Permit for tree breeding operations on the Middle Fork and McKenzie Seed Orchards.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Upon signing of Decision.

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Fort Umpqua Muzzle Loaders

Middle Fork RD, T22S,R3E,S.3.

Frog Hollar Primitive Rendezvous requesting a Special Use Permit for annual rendezvous event includes competitions, demonstrations, and contests.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Upon signing of Decision.

Contact: Sandra Melinder

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SPECIAL USES (cont.)

Emerald Empire Sports Car Club

Middle Fork RD, T21S,R3E,S.32,34.

Car club is requesting annual Special Use Permit for sports car hill climb on Forest Service road 2102.

Status: Ongoing

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: July 2001

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Oakridge Fat Tire Festival

Middle Fork RD

Miles Stumbaugh is requesting an annual Special Use Permit for mountain bike races utilizing national forest trails and roads.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: August 2001

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Oregon Fur Takers Rendezvous

Middle Fork RD, T22S,R6E,S.6.

Request for an annual Special Use Permit for rendezvous activity utilizing Shadow Bay Reservation area and Beach Cove area in loop for canoe races.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: August 2001

Contact: Sandra Melinder

City of Westfir Water Tank and Distribution Lines

Middle Fork RD, T21S,R4E,S7.

Renewal of five year Special Use Permit for a new water tank and distribution lines for water system for city of Westfir.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Rental Home Analysis

Middle Fork RD, T21S,R2E,S.12;T21S,R3E,S.15.

The District proposes to dispose of five rental houses for which needed maintenance and repairs are unfunded. These houses are from 60 to 70 years old and are eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Structures. The proposed action is to find another party to maintain, manage, and use these buildings at their present sites, consistent with their historic value. They are located at the Rigdon Work Center east of Oakridge and in the western end of the City of Westfir.

Status: Alternative development

Decision: September 2001

Implementation: January 2002

Contact: Tim Bailey

Middle Fork RD Special Uses

Permitting special uses (e.g., weddings, filming, apiary locations, etc.) as requested throughout the year.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: As needed, when requests are made

Implementation: 2001

Contact: Sandra Melinder

TIMBER SALES

Aufda Timber Sale

Middle Fork RD, T19S,R6E.

Regeneration harvest and reforestation of about 150 acres of mature timber.

Status: Field Survey and Analysis

Decision: Fall 2002

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Rick Scott

Buzzard Timber Sale

Middle Fork RD, T20S,R3&4E.

Approximately 3.6 MMBF of regeneration harvest with reforestation and approximately 5.6 MMBF of commercial thinning. Estimated road construc-

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tion is as follows: 0.5 miles of system road, and 0.3 miles of temporary road.

Status: Alternative Development and Analysis

Decision: June 2002

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Rick Scott

Chalk Creek Timber Sale Project

Middle Fork RD, T19&20S,R3E.

Regeneration harvest of approximately 200 acres (estimated 10 MMBF). Additional activities included in this project are: Fuel reduction, reforestation, road maintenance, commercial thinning (approximately 700 acres/estimated 6 MMBF), minor temporary road construction, and road decommissioning. A Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for this project appeared in the Federal Register on July 28, 1999. The DEIS is scheduled for release in September 2002.

Status: Alternative Development

Decision: Summer 2003

Implementation: June 2004

Contact: Rick Scott

Jump Up Timber Sale

Middle Fork RD, T20S,R3E.

Project proposes regeneration and thinning harvest of about 12.0 MMBF, reforestation of regeneration harvest areas, construction of about 0.5 miles of road, construction of portions of the North Fork trail, and potentially some stream channel improvement work in permanent streams within the planning area.

Status: Alternative development & analysis

Decision: October 2002

Implementation: Fall 2003

Contact: Rick Scott

Giggle Timber Sale

Middle Fork RD, T24&25S,R4&5E.

Regeneration harvest of approximately 370 acres producing an estimated 8 MMBF of timber. There will be approximately 2.2 miles of road construc-

tion and about 7.25 miles of road closure.

Status: Alternative development

Decision: June 2002

Implementation: September 2003

Contact: Rick Scott

Julep Timber Sale

Middle Fork RD, T22&23S,R4&5E.

Approximately 200 acres of regeneration harvest and 175 acres of thinning, for a total of 7 MMBF. This project may create an opening larger than 60 acres. An opening of 86 acres is under consideration to reduce fragmentation.

Status: Alternative development

Decision: Fall 2002

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Rick Scott

Ursus Timber Sale

Middle Fork RD, T24S,R4E,S.3,6,7,10,14,17,21,23.

Regeneration harvest of approximately 140 acres yielding an estimated 5 MMBF of timber. Unit design may result in created openings exceeding the Regional Guide size limitation. Size limitations may be exceeded in cases where other resource objectives are being met, such as minimizing fragmentation of remaining old growth blocks. No new road construction is anticipated.

Status: Analysis in progress

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Fall 2003

Contact: Rick Scott

Brush Creek Timber Sale

Middle Fork RD, T19S,R2E,S.7-9&16-20.

Regeneration harvest of about 100 acres of timber and commercial thinning of approximately 75 acres of managed plantations. Associated activities include road construction, road maintenance and about 4.0 miles of road closures.

Status: Decision pending

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Winter 2002

Contact: Rick Scott

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TIMBER SALES (cont.)

Windy Cabin Timber Sale

Middle Fork RD, T19S,R2E, S.25,26,34-36;T19S,R3E, S.30,31;T20S,R2E, S.1-3,10-12;T20S,R3E, S.5-8.

Regeneration harvest of approximately 200 acres of timber and commercial thinning of about 600 acres of managed plantations, yielding an estimated 15 MMBF of timber.

Status: Analysis and Documentation

Decision: Fall 2002

Implementation: Spring 2003

Contact: Rick Scott

Bear Tire Salvage

Middle Fork RD, T20S,R2E, S.22-27.

Salvage of windfallen trees along the 5826 road system.

Status: Field Surveys

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Rick Scott

Spring Timber Sale

Middle Fork RD, T24S,R5E, S.15,16,21,22,&23, T25S,R5E, S.1,2,3,4,11,&12.

The proposal includes regeneration harvest retaining variable levels of tree retention. Retention levels range from 20%-50% in regeneration units. Thinning of mature stands in combination with regeneration harvest will yield 6 to 8 MMBF of timber. In one alternative, restoration opportunities combined with stand conditions guide selection of harvest and management areas.

Examples of restoration opportunities that can be funded via the timber sale include riparian large wood placement, fisheries enhancement, recreation trail repair, hardening of dispersed recreation sites, road closure, road reconstruction, culvert replacement, hydrologic decommissioning of roads, browse cut-back, pre-commercial thinning, and fuels treatment.

Status: Analysis

Decision: Fall 2001

Implementation: Spring 2002

Contact: Rick Scott



Dutch Salvage

Middle Fork RD, T22S,R2E.

Salvage of blown down trees from within the road prism only on roads 5850, 2106 and spurs.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: John Poet

Brock Salvage

Middle Fork RD, T19S,R5E, S.27,28,33,34

Salvage of blown down trees in the road prism and adjacent to roads 760 and 762.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: John Poet

Hiyu Salvage

Middle Fork RD, T19S,R5E, S.3,9,10,16,17.

Salvage of blown down trees and logs from road repair projects; all within the road prism only.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: John Poet

Winberry Mountain Salvage

Middle Fork RD, T19S,R2E.

Salvage of windfallen trees on and adjacent to Forest Road 1802-150 and spurs, yielding about 150 CCF.

Status: Field Surveys

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Rick Scott

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TIMBER SALES (cont.)

Cardiac Salvage

Middle Fork RD, T21S,R4E, S.16.

Salvage of approximately 200 CCF from blown down trees adjacent to Forest Road 5871-373.

Status: Field Surveys

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Rick Scott

Dome Salvage

Middle Fork RD, T24S,R4E, S6,7,18,19.

Salvage of blown down trees (approximately 75 MBF) within the road prisms of FS Roads 2134, 5851, 2149, and associated spurs.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: John Poet

WATERSHED & FISHERIES

Coffeepot and Dry Creek Watershed Restoration Project

Middle Fork RD, T22S,R3E, S.35,36; T23S,R3E, S.34.

Project is located in two drainages: Coffeepot and Dry Creeks (tributaries of the Middle Fork of the Willamette River). The proposed project in Coffeepot Creek consists of instream structure placement via helicopter. The estimated length of channel is 0.4 of a mile. The proposed project in the Dry Creek Watershed involves road decommissioning. Forest Service Spur Road #166 is the sole candidate for this endeavor. The length of this spur is 0.7 of a mile.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Dan Anderson

Good Fortune Aquatic Restoration Project

Middle Fork RD, T23S,R3E, S.7.

Enhance a one-mile stretch of Windfall Creek for fish and other aquatic life.

Status: Scoping

Decision: January 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Ron Mecklenburg

Rug Rat Aquatic Restoration Project

Middle Fork RD, T20S,R2E,Sec.3,4;

T19S,R2E,Sec.19,21,22,29,30.

Enhance a 1.5 mile stretch of Winberry Creek and a 2 mile stretch of South Fork Winberry Creek for fish and other aquatic life.

Status: Scoping

Decision: January 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Ron Mecklenburg

Swift Creek Instream Placement and Monitoring

Middle Fork RD, T23S,R5E,S.29.

An instream structure placement project is planned to improve the habitat quality for aquatic species in Swift Creek.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Ernie Ledbetter

Hehe Creek Stream Rehabilitation and Watershed Restoration

Middle Fork RD, T18S,R5E,S.16,17,20,21.

Restoration project to improve aquatic habitat in this watershed.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Ernie Ledbetter

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WATERSHED & FISHERIES (cont.)

F innywin Project

Middle Fork RD, T19S,R2E,S.32,33.

Enhance a one mile stretch of South Fork Winberry Creek for fish and other aquatic life using large woody material.

Status: Analysis

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Ron Mecklenburg

Hillbilly Project

Middle Fork RD, T23S,R5E,S.6.

Enhance a one half mile stretch of Hills Creek for fish and other aquatic life using large woody material.

Status: Analysis

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Ron Mecklenburg

Buck Creek Culvert Replacement Project

Middle Fork RD, T23S,R3E,S.9.

Replace existing culvert with a bridge on FS Road 21 at Buck Creek to allow fish passage for resident and anadromous fish.

Status: Analysis

Decision: Fall 2001

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Doug Larson

WILDLIFE

Wildlife Viewing Platform

Middle Fork RD, T23S,R3E, S.3,4.

A wildlife viewing platform would be built between Sand Prairie Campground and the Hills Creek Reservoir. This project is being coordinated by an Eagle Scout candidate using grant funding.

Status: Analysis

Decision: June 2001

Implementation: July 2001

Contact: D'Lynn Williams

Sourgrass Meadow Enhancement Project

Middle Fork RD, T25S,R3E, S.6.

Proposed treatment of approximately one acre of encroached meadow habitat. Project consists of mechanical treatment by cutting, piling, and possibly burning saplings and small pole conifers that have become established in what was historically meadow habitat.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Kirk Lunstrum

SWEET HOME

BOTANY

Camas Prairie Restoration Project

Sweet Home RD, T13S,R3E, S.34.

The purpose of this project is to restore a degraded wetland prairie through weed control, prescribed burning and other activities to facilitate the growth of camas (*Camassia quamash*). The current project area is proposed for expansion to allow for safer and more efficient prescribed burning. Flammable non-native blackberries that surround the prairie will be removed as will dead limbs from adjacent trees and selected shrubs. This activity will help reduce the fire risk in the surrounding forest. A gate will be installed to limit access to 200 feet of road leading into the prairie.

Status: Beginning Scoping

Decision: May 2001

Implementation: FY 2001-2005

Contact: Alice Smith

FACILITIES

Cascadia Work Center

Sweet Home RD, T13S,R3E,S.31.

Due to limited maintenance funding, we propose to consider options for managing the Cascadia Work Center. Options may include selling all or part of the property, selling the buildings and

Current Projects

FACILITIES (cont.)

leasing the land, or making property available through a special use permit.

Status: Beginning Scoping

Decision: FY2002

Implementation: FY2002

Contact: Karen Ladd

MINERALS

Cone Peak #7 Emery Mine

Sweet Home RD, T13S,R6E, S.30. Middle Santiam Watershed.

The Ranger District is starting a new Environmental Analysis and Plan of Operations for an existing mining claim. The current plan has expired and a new five-year plan is proposed. The purpose of the operation is to extract an abrasive mineral material known as emery from a small (about 30 by 80 feet) open pit.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Rob Ginn

RECREATION

House Rock Falls Loop Trail

Sweet Home RD, T13S, R5E, S.32.

Winter storms have dropped a number of large trees across this trail near the trail bridge across the South Santiam River. The felled trees landed on a trail segment that crosses a small class III stream, where a footbridge was scheduled for installation. Clearing the downed trees on this trail segment will create a visual mess along the trail and may affect the stream channel location. The district is looking at options for relocating the trail versus reconstructing the damaged trail segment. Aesthetics, trail maintenance, and stream channel functions are issues involved in this decision.

Status: Review of Options

Decision: Possibly Decision Memo May 2001

Implementation: June 2001

Contact: Brian McGinley

ROAD USE

Trout Creek Bridge

Sweet Home RD, T13S,R4E,S.32.

Propose to replace the current concrete culvert on highway 20 with a bridge. Work would be accomplished by ODOT and would include an easement from the Forest Service to ODOT. The objective of the project is to improve fish habitat.

Status: Beginning scoping

Decision: June 2001

Implementation: April 2002

Contact: Karen Ladd

West Boundary Rock Source Expansion

Sweet Home RD, T14S,R5E,S.24, AMA, South Santiam Watershed.

The Ranger District proposes to expand the size of the pit by about one acre to include the area between the current development and Road 1509. Clearing involves primarily brush and fire regenerated second growth, much of which has already blown down. This expansion will provide several thousand cubic yards of high quality aggregate for road surfacing. Rehabilitation of older parts of the pit will also result. The West Boundary Pit was formerly called Squaw Pit.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: FY 2002

Contact: Doug Shank

SILVICULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Bough Sales

Sweet Home RD, Upper McKenzie, S. Santiam, Middle Santiam, and Quartzville Watersheds. Bough harvest units to occur on approximately 300 acres of 10- to 25-year-old conifer stands. Units are scattered throughout the district.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Fall 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Rob Ginn

Current Projects

SPECIAL USES

Sweet Home RD, District-wide

Permitting special uses as requested throughout the season.

Status: Analysis ongoing, requesting input
Decision: As needed when requests are made
Implementation: 2001
Contact: Lupe Wilson

Sheep Soda Thin

Sweet Home RD, AMA, T13S,R5E, S.20,22,28,29, South Santiam Watershed.

Commercial thin about 600 acres of 35- to 45 year old managed stands. This area will also be reviewed for Special Forest Products.

Status: EA on hold for field surveys
Decision: Spring 2001
Implementation: Fall 2001
Contact: Doug Shank and Donna Short

TIMBER SALES

Parks Timber Sale

Sweet Home RD, T13S,R6E, S.12,13&25; T13S, R7E, S.5,6,9,18.

Overstory removals of existing shelterwood and, prelogged harvest units. The proposed treatment area is 275 acres. Harvest volume removed would range from 4 to 7 MMBF.

Status: Scoping
Decision: Summer 2001
Implementation: FY 2002
Contact: Suzanne Schindler

South Pyramid Timber Sale

Sweet Home RD, T12S,R6E, S.28-33;T12S,R5E, S.25.

Harvest of approximately 4.0 MMBF of timber from the South Pyramid Creek subdrainage. Harvest options to consider will include regeneration, partial removal, and thinning. Road construction and reconstruction may be necessary to access selected harvest units. A Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for this project appeared in the Federal Register on August 2, 1999. A DEIS is scheduled for release in summer 2001.

Status: Writing Draft EIS
Decision: FY 2002
Implementation: FY 2002
Contact: Brian McGinley

WILDLIFE

Wetland Restoration

Sweet Home RD, T13S,R3E, S.35;T14S,R4E, S.7.

This project proposes to restore the character of two wetlands within the Central Cascades Adaptive Management Area providing habitat for amphibians and waterfowl. Project consists of using natural materials to improve water levels.

Status: Scoping
Decision: May 2001
Implementation: Summer 2001
Contact: Virgil Morris

Big Game Fertilization

Sweet Home RD, T13S, R4E, S.31.

Aerial application of fertilizer (16-20-0) on 15 acres within a managed stand to improve big game forage quality within the Central Cascades Adaptive Management Area.

Status: Scoping
Decision: Summer 2001
Implementation: Fall 2001
Contact: Virgil Morris

Lodgepole Flat Meadow Enhancement

Sweet Home RD, T13S, R7E, S.5.

Removal of encroaching conifers on approximately 20 acres of natural meadow. Project consists of hand and mechanical treatment of small diameter Douglas-fir and lodgepole pine.

Status: Scoping
Decision: May 2001
Implementation: Summer 2001
Contact: Virgil Morris

Decisions Made During the Last Quarter

OUTFITTER/GUIDE

River City Fly Shop

Middle Fork RD

Gene Thomasco is requesting a Special Use Permit for fly fishing (boat and wading) from Hills Creek to Dexter on National Forest land year round.

Decision: April 2001

Implementation: April or May 2001

Contact: Sandra Melinder

North Fork Upper/Lower Middle Fork ATM EA (combination of several former ATM projects)

Middle Fork RD

An Environmental Assessment (EA) will be completed for each area to determine the appropriate level of use for existing roads, trails, and water surfaces in these drainages. A public meeting was held and we are in the process of gathering issues.

Status: Dropped due to lack of funding

Contact: Terri Jones or D'Lynn Williams

RECREATION

Lava Lake Sno-Park Horse Corral

Sweet Home RD, T13S,R7E,S.19,30.

Add a set of horse corrals just west of the snopark to give riders a convenient starting point for day rides on the Santiam Wagon road or trails in the Old Cascades.

Status: Postponed

Contact: Brian McGinley



ROADS

KV Road Decommissioning/Obliteration for FY 2002 Through 2004

Detroit RD, Various locations within the Upper North Santiam River drainage.

Approximately 12 miles per year are proposed to be decommissioned or obliterated and revegetated using KV funding. These roads have low to no use, and are dead-end roads that were built for logging purposes. The purpose of this project is for watershed restoration.

Status: Dropped

Contact: Dave Klug

SILVICULTURE

Big Game Repellent

Blue River RD, District-wide.

Hand application of Big Game Repellent to approximately 200 acres of young conifer plantations, to control big game browse damage to young seedlings. Approximately 180 acres are located within the Long Term Ecosystem Productivity study area.

Decision: February 2001

Implementation: May 2001

Contact: Bill Beardsley

TSI-Brushing/Conifer Release 2001

Blue River RD, T18S,R5E;S.27.

Conifer and hardwood seedlings will be manually released from competing brush species in one 27 acre young plantation. In Riparian Reserves, cutting will take place up to within 5 feet of the streambank of any scoured or wetted channel. Crop tree release from brush species will ensure survival and enhance growth potential of seedling by reducing competition, to produce larger conifer and hardwood trees. Release also will produce new sprouts for forage habitat.

Decision: March 2001

Implementation: June 2001

Contact: Tim Kee

Decisions Made During the Last Quarter

SILVICULTURE (cont.)

Research—H.J. Andrews Soil Study Herbicide Application

Blue River RD, T15S, R5E, S.28.

As part of a national soil ecosystem study, scientists from Oregon State University propose to manually apply small doses of commercially available, highly biodegradable herbicide on an as-needed basis to control competing vegetation on six small (10m x 15m) plots in the H.J. Andrews Experimental Forest. The purpose of the study is to assess the importance of aboveground and belowground inputs of carbon to carbon and nitrogen cycling and retention in forest soils. Results will improve understanding of how soils respond to changes in climate and in response to forest practices. No long-term or off-site effects are expected.

Status: Project dropped

Contact: John Cissel or Jim Mayo

Aerial Fertilization

McKenzie RD, AMA, District-wide.

Helicopter application of nitrogen fertilizer for timber stand improvement on approximately 1,100 acres of managed stands. The stands proposed for treatment are primarily located in the Boulder Creek, Deer Creek, and Ollalie Creek drainages.

Decision: April 2001

Implementation: October 2001

Contact: Kevin Moran or Bill Beardsley

Precommercial Thinning

McKenzie RD, District-wide.

Precommercial thin young conifer stands to enhance growth, vigor, and stand health. Approximately 1,820 acres located throughout the McKenzie district are proposed for treatment. The treatments are planned to occur over the next two years, depending on the availability of funding.

Decision: April 2001

Implementation: June 2001

Contact: Kevin Moran or Bill Beardsley

Conifer Release

McKenzie RD, District-wide.

Release conifer seedlings from competition with brush in young plantations. Project areas include approximately 252 acres located throughout the McKenzie Ranger District. Treatment will ensure survival and enhance growth potential by reducing competition for sunlight, water, and soil nutrients. The treatments are planned to occur over the next two years.

Decision: April 2001

Implementation: June 2001

Contact: Kevin Moran or Bill Beardsley

Highway 126 Precommercial Thinning

McKenzie RD, District-wide.

Precommercial thin young conifer stands along State Highway 126 corridor to enhance growth and for visual quality. Approximately 10 acres along the highway are proposed for treatment.

Decision: February 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Kevin Moran or Bill Beardsley

Conifer Pruning

McKenzie RD, District-wide.

Selectively prune crop trees on approximately 1,100 acres of young conifer stands to improve timber quality and reduce the risk of infection from blister rust in western white pine. The stands proposed for treatment are located in various areas throughout the McKenzie Ranger District. The treatments are planned to occur over the next two years depending upon the availability of funding.

Decision: April 2001

Implementation: September 2001

Contact: Kevin Moran or Bill Beardsley

Decisions Made During the Last Quarter

SPECIAL USES

Oakridge Tree Planting Festival—May 6, 2001

Middle Fork RD, T21S,R3E, S.14,15.

Salmon Creek Fun Run, Two-mile walk, and 10K Run. Requesting a special use permit for utilization of Rigdon bike path and parking facilities at Flat Creek work center for 50-100 participants of the events listed above.

Decision: April 2001

Implementation: May 6, 2001

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Building Occupancy

Middle Fork RD, T21S,R3E,S.21.

Oakridge Lions Club has requested renewal of a special use permit to occupy the eastern portion of Forest Service Building #2006 for storage of hospital equipment. This request changes an annual permit to a five-year permit.

Status: Project deferred

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Oregon Department of Transportation Storage Areas

Middle Fork RD, Highway 58, Mile posts 38.81, 47.70, 58-54.

Issue new revised permit for three storage areas for highway materials and debris.

Status: Project deferred

Contact: Sandra Melinder

WATERSHED/FISHERIES

Reservoir Shore Reveg—Mt. Jefferson Scenic Overlook

Detroit RD, T10S,R5E, S.10.

The proposal is to control wave erosion and revegetate portions of the rocky shore at the Mt. Jefferson Scenic Overlook, at the west end of Detroit Lake State Park. Work would involve adding rock structure and topsoil, planting wetland shrubs and grass/sedges, removal of noxious weeds, and planting native terrestrial shrubs and grass/forbs on the embankment below Highway 22. Enhancement of the recreational setting may include a hand railing, interpretive sign, and improved parking by expanding the parking area.

Status: Project dropped

Contact: David Klug or Dani Rosetti



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